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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170  
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

In a state such as New Mexico, we are already paying high fees and taxes to support rural telephone services and this is double taxation - hitting us twice for the same purpose. These fees and taxes, while seemingly small, quickly add up and cause undue strain on the average American's pocketbook. I carry a cell phone for safety purposes, using it only minimally, yet will be penalized. Taxing those who use their phones for hundreds of hours per month would make much more sense.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Valerie Schneider  
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members